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Secretary Mark Gottlieb
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Hill Farms State Transportation Building
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Dear Secretary Gottlieb,

Thank you for your letter requesting aid through the Disaster Damage Aids program. As shown by the attached Executive Order #40, I declared a state of emergency in August 2011 in response to the historic timber "blow down" resulting from recurring straight line winds in excess of 100 miles per hour and associated torrential rainfall in the northwest area of the state. This timber blow down impacted critical road systems, as nearly 400 miles of roads were strewn with massive piles of downed timber, and posed a threat of increased forest fire risk.

Local governments impacted by this natural disaster incurred significant expense in removing blown down timber in an expeditious manner, including costs required to repair damage to roads due to the heavy trucks used to haul the timber and equipment. As events like this can cause financial burdens on local governments that exceed their capacity, I am pleased to approve state funds to help meet their needs through the Disaster Damage Aids program as required under section 86.34(6), Wisconsin Statutes.

Thank you for your attention and hard work in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Scott Walker, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by 'Walker' in a cursive script.

Scott Walker
Governor